

## ST AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READING 2015

Students in STANDARD ENGLISH CLASSES may choose any book from the list below.  
Students in HONORS and AICE classes must read the book listed for your grade level.

### HONORS & AICE\* SUMMER READING

\*Visit SAHS website (<http://www-sahs.stjohns.k12.fl.us>) for additional assignments for courses marked with an \*

9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HONORS: *A Long Way Gone*, by Ishmael Beah

\*9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AICE: *A Lesson Before Dying*, by Ernest Gaines

10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HONORS: *Uglies*, by Scott Westerfeld

\*10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AICE: *The Glass Castle*, by Jeannette Walls

11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HONORS: *The Reivers*, by William Faulkner

\*11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AICE: *The Namesake*, by Jhumpa Lahiri AND *How to Read Literature Like a Professor Revised Edition (2014)*, by Thomas Foster

12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AICE GENERAL PAPER: *The Stranger*, by Albert Camus

\*12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AICE ENGLISH LIT: *Great Expectations*, by Charles Dickens

### STANDARD ENGLISH, GRADES 9-12, CHOOSE ONE

The following award-winning books were chosen for their high-interest, engaging content and characters.  
Some books may contain mature themes and/or language.

***The Naturals*, by Jennifer Lynn Barnes**

Young Adult Fiction

17 year old Cassie is a natural at reading people. Piecing together the tiniest details, she can tell who you are and what you want. It's not a skill she took seriously UNTIL the FBI came knocking. They have begun a classified program that uses exceptional teens to crack infamous cold cases, and they NEED Cassie.

***The Living*, by Matt de la Pena**

Young Adult Fiction

Shy takes the summer job to make some money. A few months on a luxury cruise liner – how bad could that be? BUT then an earthquake more massive than any ever recorded hit California and Shy's life is changed forever! 24 hours later Shy is lost at sea fighting for his life – and stuck with HER!

***13 Reasons Why*, by Jay Asher**

Young Adult Fiction

Clay returns home from school to find a strange package with his name on it lying on the porch. Inside he discovers several cassette tapes recorded by Hannah – his classmate and crush – who committed suicide 2 weeks earlier. Hannah's voice tells him that there are 13 reasons she decided to end her life. Clay is one of them! If he listens, he'll find out why.

***Vietnam #1: I Pledge Allegiance*, by Chris Lynch**

Young Adult Fiction/Military Fiction

Morris, Rudi, Ivan and Beck are best friends for life. So when one of them is DRAFTED into the Vietnam War, the others sign up, too. Morris joins the Navy making it his personal mission to watch over his friends from the USS Boston. BUT the Boston itself isn't safe from attack! And although Morris means to keep his friends safe, he may have his hands full just watching out for himself!

***Dead to You*, by Lisa McMann**

Young Adult Fiction

Ethan was abducted from his front yard when he was just 7 years old. Now, at 16, he has returned to his family. Things don't go smoothly and his family is torn apart again. If only Ethan could remember something, anything, about his life before - BUT there is something keeping his memory blocked. Something unspeakable...

***The Unfinished Life of Addison Stone*, by Adele Griffin**

Young Adult Fiction

From the moment she stepped foot in NYC, Addison Stone's subversive street art made her someone to watch, and her violent drowning left her fans and her critics craving to know more. I conducted interviews with those who knew her best and retraced the tumultuous path of Addison's life. I hope I can shed new light on what REALLY happened the night of July 28.

***Miracle*, by Elizabeth Scott**

Young Adult Fiction

Megan is a miracle. At least that's what everyone says. Having survived a plane crash that killed everyone else, Megan knows she should be grateful to be alive. BUT she doesn't feel anything – she can't remember anything! Then memories start coming back and no one can help – except maybe Joe, the beautiful boy next door – AND a woman from her church who is a Vietnam vet and has suffered from PTSD.

***Swagger*, by Carl Deuker**

Young Adult Fiction/Basketball

Jonas never thought he'd go to college – his parents can't afford it. BUT Coach thinks he has a real shot at a scholarship with a Division 2 school. Sure enough, Monitor College wants Jonas's point guard skills IF he can keep his grades up. When his dad is laid off, the family moves to Seattle and Jonas must prove himself all over. Suspense builds as readers start to smell a rat in Ryan Hartwell, the new assistant basketball coach. Jonas must confront some ethical dilemmas as this story progresses. Lots of basketball action!

***Personal Effects*, by E.M. Kokie**

Young Adult Fiction

17 year old Matt Foster thought that if he could only get his hands on his brother's stuff from Iraq, he'd be able to make sense of his death. He wasn't expecting T.J.'s personal effects to raise even more questions about his life. Now, even if it means pushing his dad over the edge...even if it means losing his best friend...even if it means getting expelled from school...Matt will do whatever it takes to find out the truth about his brother's past.

***Educating Esme: Diary of a Teacher's First Year*, by Esme Raji Codell**

Memoir/Teaching

This is the exuberant diary of Esme Raji Codell's first year teaching in a Chicago public school. Her diary opens a window into a real life classroom. She battles bureaucrats, gang members, abusive parents, and her own insecurities in her struggle to become an exceptional teacher.

***The Martian*, by Andy Weir**

Science Fiction/Space Fiction

After a dust storm on Mars nearly kills him and forces his crew to evacuate while thinking him dead, Mark finds himself stranded and completely alone with no way even to signal earth that he's alive! Mark is not ready to give up. Drawing on his ingenuity, engineering skills – and a relentless refusal to quit – he confronts one seemingly insurmountable obstacle after the next. Will his resourcefulness be enough to overcome the impossible odds against him?

***I am a Seal Team Six Warrior, Memoirs of an American Soldier*, by Howard Wasdin & Stephen Templin**

Young Adult Memoir/Military

When the US Navy sends their elite, they send the SEALs. When the SEALs send their elite, they send SEAL Team Six – a secret unit made up of the finest soldiers in the country. This is the tale of how Howard Wasdin overcame a tough childhood to live his dream and enter the world of US Navy SEALs and Special Forces sniper.

***Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina* by Michaela DePrince**

Memoir/Performing Art

Michaela was born in war-torn Sierra Leone and orphaned young. Adopted by an American family who encouraged her love of dancing, Michaela overcame stereotypes and racial barriers in the world of competitive ballet and eventually starred in the ballet documentary FIRST POSITION. She is now a member of the Dutch National Ballet in Amsterdam.